



Veterans Ombudsman's Commendation Nomination Form

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CAVUNP received a Letters Patent in 1991 followed by a Certificate of Continuance dated September 26, 2013. The primary CAVUNP objective is to constitute an Association for Canadians who served with peace-keeping forces. CAVUNP aims to perpetuate the memories and deeds of Canadians who lost their lives while serving on peacekeeping operations. CAVUNP cooperates with other Veteran organizations in advocating on behalf of veterans and their families. CAVUNP is a non- political and non-sectarian organization with a national secretariat, regional and provincial directors and 27 chapters with 750 verified members.

As a member of the New Veterans Charter Advisory Group, CAVUNP participated in preparing the Report of the NVC Advisory Group and its recommendations. CAVUNP was also a member of the Gerontological Advisory Council to VAC and participated in preparing the 2006 report "Keeping the Promise - The Future of Health Benefits for Canada's War Veterans".

CAVUNP membership in the VAC Stakeholders Committee and the RCL Veterans Assembly Group has been continuous always seeking to advocate improvements to the NVC. CAVUNP seeks comments from and keeps members informed of recommendations going forward on their behalf through publication of a newsletter, *The Thin Blue Line*. CAVUNP is a member of the VAC Client Advisory Committee that meets in Halifax, NS and participates in annual CIMVHR annual



conferences.

In several appearances before SCONDVA , CAVUNP proposed and supported recommendations submitted by its membership towards the betterment of veterans and their families. In particular, CAVUNP provided comments and recommendations regarding the operations of the Veterans Review and Appeal Board to simplify and clarify the appeal process. Testimony has also been provided at Senate hearings in support of various Parliamentary bills passed to the Senate that would enhance the lives and futures of Veterans and their families. CAVUNP actively supported formation of the Veterans Ombudsman's Office in an appearance before a VAC committee. Within the last two years, CAVUNP was requested three times to appear before SCONDVA with recommendations for improvements to the NVC and in doing so supported the Veterans Ombudsman recommendations.

CAVUNP Chapters regularly assist veterans in their quest for benefits pertaining to the Pension Act and NVC. Chapters also voluntarily assist needy veterans to attend various medical appointments and approved treatments.

CAVUNP advocated successfully for a National Peacekeepers Day based upon the loss of nine Canadian peacekeepers on August 9, 1974. CAVUNP organizes several ceremonies across Canada on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of that loss. Chapters have constructed Peacekeeping memorials such as Peacekeepers Parks in Calgary, AB and Angus, ON and in naming the "Veterans Highway in Nova Scotia to name just a few.

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To Whom It May Concern

I am pleased to offer my wholehearted support for the nomination of the NATO VETERANS ORGANIZATION OF CANADA for the Veterans Ombudsman Commendation.

From NVOC's creation only a few years ago, I have seen the organization grow and develop into a highly effective advocate in support of Canada's veterans community. Having at the outset deliberately adopted an approach that is at the same time forceful and cooperative, working assiduously with veterans, government and other veterans organizations, NVOC has already done much to ensure that those who served in uniform and their families receive from a grateful nation the fair and equitable treatment they deserve.

By virtue of outstanding leadership, an impressive familiarity with veterans' issues, a powerful and rational advocacy, and an expanding membership, I believe that NVOC has proved itself to be a worthy recipient of the Veterans Ombudsman Commendation. I therefore respectfully endorse this nomination without reservation.

Sincerely,



General (Ret'd) Paul Manson
Patron
NATO Veterans Organization of Canada



From: Vice Admiral (Rtd) R.D. Buck, RCN, CMM, CD

14 July 2015

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To whom it may Concern,

I am very pleased to fully support the nomination of the NATO Veteran's Organization of Canada (NVOC) for the Veterans Ombudsman Commendation.

In my capacity as an Advisor to NVOC and as Chair of the Board Perley Rideau Veterans Health Centre, I have been greatly impressed with the focus and cooperative but firm manner with which NVOC has worked with Veteran's Affairs Canada and many other likeminded organizations. Support to Veterans can be a very emotive issue but the balance that NVOC has struck to work in a reasoned and fact based manner has resulted in NVOC being able to bridge numerous viewpoints and to propose reasoned solutions that will make the lives and quality of life of Veterans and their families better.

NVOC's aim is to ensure that all Veterans and their families are recognized by their country and their government for their sacrifice for Canada and that they and their families are properly cared for as a result of that sacrifice. To this end, NVOC has diligently proposed and supported reasoned solutions and by working with both government and other veterans organizations has been very successful in making the lives of Veterans and their families better.

NVOC has both outstanding leadership and a broad representation from across Canada which has resulted in the cooperative but firm approach noted above which has given NVOC great credibility to make a huge positive contribution to the lives of Veterans of all ages. I consider NVOC to be an outstanding candidate for the Veterans Ombudsman Commendation and this nomination has my full and unreserved support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. D. Buck', with a stylized flourish at the end.

R. D. Buck

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